## cs4102 - Algorithms - spring 2022 due tuesday, may 3, 2022 at 11:30 pm via Gradescope

## Dprogramming

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Rather than tile an  $2 \times n$  board, we would like to use dominoes to tile a pixel-art image, such as Figure 1. Unfortunately, not every such image can be tiled with dominoes. Write an algorithm that takes as input a black-and-white pixel-art image (with *r* rows and *c* columns) and determines whether or not that image's black pixels can be exactly tiled using 2-by-1 dominoes. The running time of your algorithm should be a polynomial in *c* and *r*. (*Hint: Think about max flow and how we could use that to solve this problem. How could we turn our input into an appropriate graph for max flow, such that finding a max flow will find a tiling?*)



Figure 1: A pixel-art dinosaur. Can you tile the black pixels using standard 2-by-1 dominoes?

For this assignment, you must implement your algorithm in Java or Python:

- Your algorithm must be written in Python 3 (3.6.9 or below) or Java (11). We will **not** be supporting C++ in this assignment.
- You must download the appropriate wrapper code from Collab based on the language you choose: main.py and tiling\_dino.py for Python, Main.java and TilingDino.java for Java.
- the compute() method will be given a string representation of the image as a list of Strings, which represents a  $c \times r$  grid of characters defining the pixel art image you must cover. The first character in the first string will be the top-left pixel (0,0) in the image. The last character in the last string will be the bottom-right pixel (c 1, r 1) in the image. Each line will contain a string where each character is either a '.' or a '#'. Any cell with '#' is "black" and must be covered by a domino, any cell with a '.' is "white" and must not be.
- Your algorithm should determine whether the image can be tiled with dominoes. If it cannot be tiled, your algorithm should return the string "impossible" as the first string in its return array. However, if it can be tiled, your algorithm should return any one valid tiling as a list/array of strings each containing four space-separated integers. Each string represents the placement of a tile by giving the coordinates (column then row, i.e. (x, y)) of the cells that domino will cover. An example input is given in Figure 2 below. Its corresponding output is given in Figure 3 below. Your dominoes may be listed in any order.

- You may write other functions in the TilingDino.py or TilingDino.java file to implement the algorithm. Do **not** modify the method definition of compute().
- You *may* modify the Main.java or Main.py files to test your algorithm, but they **will not** be used during grading.
- You must submit your TilingDino.java or TilingDino.py files on Gradescope. Do **not** submit Main.java, Main.py, or any test files.
- Gradescope provides 15 submission attempts to the full autograder. Please use the "Unit D Programming (Testing Only)" autograder to run the test case in Figure 2 and a modified version of the test case in Figure 5 provided in this PDF.
- A few other notes:
  - You may use the networkx package for Python or the JGraphT package for Java
    - \* Networkx: https://networkx.org/ pip3 install networkx has v2.5.1 for python 3
    - \* JGraphT: https://jgrapht.org/ We will use version 1.5.1
  - Your code will be run as: python3 Main.py for Python, or javac \*.java && java Main for Java.
  - You may upload multiple Java files if you need additional classes, but do not assign packages to the files.
    - ...#... ..###.. ..###..

Figure 2: An example input. You should exactly cover all of the cells with "#" with dominos. Your output to this example should appear as in Figure 3. The return from your method/function should be the list/array of space-separated strings.

Figure 3: The solution for the graph given in Figure 2. The top line, "3 o 3 1" refers to placing a domino at the very top of the image covering the 0-th row 3-rd column and 1-st row 3-rd column.

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(a) Input Strings	(b) Output Strings

Figure 4: Input and output for *test1.txt*.

Figure 5: Input and output for *test2.txt*.